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Balancing the Budget

Rochester Crunches Numbers for 1999

In accordance with a budget calendar established earlier in the year by the Finance Committee (FinCom) and Board of Selectmen, Rochester's Executive Secretary has submitted budget recommendations for fiscal year 1999 (FY99).

The recommendations, sent out to both the Selectmen and FinCom members last week, calls for a \$14,812 surplus in the FY99 operating budget. The amount assumes a 4 percent increase in the Rochester Memorial School budget, which as of press time was not yet submitted.

"When (the Selectmen and FinCom) met on March 16, there was a projected deficit of around \$115,000," said Executive Secretary Russell J. Dean. "The two boards set a goal earlier this year to attempt to balance the budget without the use of Free Cash (surplus revenue). That way, we can increase the Stabilization Fund and use Free Cash to fund one-time capital items. It's fiscal policy that makes sense."

Mr. Dean said the newly-formed Capital Outlay Committee has been meeting on a regular basis and is about to forward its recommendations to the Selectmen and FinCom. Mr. Dean is also a committee member. "We've got about \$250,000 worth of recommendations for capital items," he said. "The funding source of virtually all of these items is going to be Free Cash."

Rochester recently had its FY97 Free Cash certified by the Department of Revenue at \$893,997. The FinCom is leaning toward recommending the maximum amount allowable by law to be placed in the Stabilization Fund — an amount of \$406,338. This amount would also come from Free Cash. The Selectmen have already voted their intentions to recommend the maximum amount be placed in the Stabilization Fund.

"The town has so many long-range needs that it makes sense to build up our reserves," Mr. Dean said. "We've virtually outgrown Town Hall, we're looking at a public safety facility, senior center, highway barn, future school expansion, and the Old Rochester Regional Facilities Plan was just published. These are all big ticket items that will probably consume the taxpayers' attention in the next few years."

Mr. Dean has projected revenues of \$8,198,810 for Fiscal Year 1999. Expenditures are projected at \$8,183,998 — a difference of \$14,812.

"This is to assist the Finance Committee," Mr. Dean said. "They still have the final say on recommendations to Town Meeting."

There is also the issue of several elected officers' budgets, which have also been recommended.

"The evaluation process was the same throughout," he said. "I would expect some criticism, mainly because this hasn't been done before. But the main issue isn't so much the department budgets as the overall

need to have a sound fiscal plan for the residents of the town. I think the Selectmen and Finance Committee are fully aware of that, as are other town officials."

The Selectmen, FinCom, and Capital Outlay Committee were slated to meet on Monday, March 23 at 7:30 pm to discuss the budget further.

ORR Drama Club

Students Stage Sondheim's "Into the Woods"

The Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club is eager to present Stephen Sondheim's large-scale musical, "Into the Woods." Under the direction of Paul Sardinha and musical director Steven Rogers, the cast of fifty and orchestra of seventeen will combine their talents to bring to life Grimms' fairy tales.

The musical offers a challenge since nearly the entire plot is conveyed by clever lyrics. The cast is up to the challenge and hopes to have attendance surpass that of last year's successful run of "Godspell." Audiences will be treated to the visual splendor of the demanding set and

On the cover: Like other towns in the area, Rochester is well along in its budget process for fiscal year 1999. The town will be looking to present a balanced budget to Town Meeting voters this spring. (Wanderer file photo).

Cover insert: Members of the Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club relearse scenes for their upcoming performance of "Into the Woods." The musical will be staged this weekend at the school on March 26, 27 and 28 at 7:00 pm, with a Saturday matinee performance on March 28 at 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for students and seniors. (Photo by Kenneth I. Souza).

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costumes as well as the talented voices of the cast.

The production begins as the Narrator (Abby Blachly) details how Cinderella (Brooke Knudsen) wishes to go to the ball, and the Baker and his Wife (John Farrell and Alyssa Chase) wish to have a child. Matters are complicated by the appearance of a Witch (Nancy Lima) who tells the Baker that he has a sister (Rapunzel, portrayed by Sarah Mui).

Meanwhile, Jack (Andy Denham) is forced to journey to sell his beloved cow at the request of his Mother (Laura Booth), and Little Red Riding Hood (Andrea Caron) travels to visit her Grandmother (Tyne Lomeland). All go into the woods in search of their dreams where they come upon a Mysterious Man (Brendan Carroll), Cinderella's Prince (Chris Morey), Rapunzel's Prince (Tim Evans), and the Royal Steward (Tom O'Connor).

Other familiar characters also appear such as Cinderella's Father (Aaron Turcotte-Shamski), the Stepmother (Kelly Pereira), the Stepsisters (Lindsey Huckins and Elizabeth Brown), Cinderella's Mother (Danielle Normand), the Giant (Megan Galipeau), Snow White (Caycie Galipeau), and Sleeping Beauty (Genevieve Wheeler). Chorus members act as the woodland foliage to generate the elaborate set.

"Into the Woods" will be performed in the Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium at 7:00 pm on the evenings of March 26, 27 and 28. A matinee will



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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

March 24, 1998

By Rebecca Fortin

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 pm by Chairman John N. DeCosta. Also present were

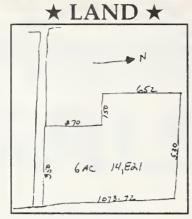
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The first order of business on the agenda was an appointment with Eleanor Lewis who is the Mattapoisett representative to the Old Colony Regional Vocational District School Committee.

Ms. Lewis came before the board to introduce herself to those whom she had not met, and to inform them that she is seeking re-appointment. "I understand you do an excellent job," said Chairman DeCosta.

Ms. Lewis gave a the board a brief description about her background. She is a Registered Nurse by profession, has a Bachelor of Science and Masters of Business degree. Currently, she is the Director of Home Care Operations at Morton Hospital.

She explained that she is quite happy representing the school. "It's a fantastic facility," she said, "it's very easy to represent."

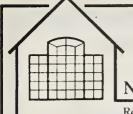
She would, however, like to see more students enrolled within the vocational part of the school, which currently has approximately 30 students. She boasts that the school has an exceptional culinary arts department with a bakery and a cosmetology department, among several other fields of study. She encourages residents of the tri-town area take advantage of these offerings.

Ms. Lewis also added that the vocational school has a very low drop out rate of .8 percent and a very high percentage go on to pursue higher education. She referred to a current vocational student who has recently received a scholarship to a prominent university for the sum of \$160,000.

The board was quite impressed by the information about the school, encouraged her to continue her work, and looked forward to encouraging more students to attend in the future.

The second appointment on the agenda was an appointment with Daniel White, who is in the process of reestablishing the town's Cable Advisory Committee. He will





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Mr. White, who served on the previous Cable Advisory Committee, explained to the board some of the options the committee may want to consider.

He would like to see an institutional network implemented within the town that would facilitate communication via computers among municipal buildings, particularly the schools.

Also, he would like to see Mattapoisett have its own television channel.

There are several options that the committee can consider, and the six members will be anxious to begin.

Under incoming correspondence for the week were the following letters and memos:

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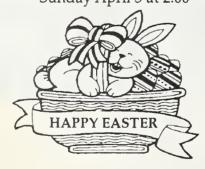
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- Senator Pacheco sent correspondence informing the board that the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) will be administering a second round of the Historic Landscape Preservation Grant Program of up to \$50.000.
- Susan Grosart and Andrew Jeffrey, Co-Chairs of the ORR Superintendent Search Committee, informed the town that the finalists will be touring the school and community on March 30 and 31.

• One Selectman representing the tri-towns is needed to represent the three towns in the matter of collective bargaining with the custodial unit at the district.

 Mattapoisett Planning Board submitted a memo advising that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 14 at 8:15 pm in the Old Hammondtown Cafeteria relative to the Brandt Island Realty Trust For Definitive Plans for Cluster Housing.

- Fire Chief Ron Scott informed the board that the following fire fighters recently attended the National Fire Academy in Maryland: Captain Robert Duval and Lieutenant Carl Reusch who both received instruction on Advanced Fire Tactics. Lieutenant Paul Lopes received instruction in Fire Service Planning Concepts for the 21st Century. Captain William Nicholson and Firefighter David Peterson attended classes on Water Search and Rescue at Massachusetts Maritime Academy.
- Correspondence was received from Elleda Katan, representing Mattapoisett Citizen's Initiative. She requested that a meeting be scheduled with the board regarding the



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status of the following issues: the Nunes property, the fuel spill clean up, the proposed fuel tank installation, and the cellular tower zoning.

• A letter from Deborah Daniell was received regarding an issue with dogs on Main Street. She requested that a formal meeting be scheduled with the board to discuss an ongoing problem.

There are several meetings scheduled throughout the week, among them:

- Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm Finance Committee meeting.
- Thursday, March 26 at 10:00 am Council for SEMASS Communities will meet in Plymouth.
- Thursday, March 26 at 4:00 pm Selectman DeCosta will attend a Housing Co-op meeting in Rochester.
- Thursday, March 26, at 7:00 pm Selectmen and Finance Committee will meet to review the budget and articles for the Annual Town Meeting.
- Saturday, March 28 at 10:00 am Coalition for Buzzards Bay will meet in Plymouth.

Executive Secretary Carol Adams had several issues on her report for discussion. Among them were the following:

- The Board of Health will conduct a Rabies Clinic on Sunday, March 29 at 10:00 am. It will be held at 12:00 noon at the Fire Station. A donation of \$10 per animal will be contributed to the Rescue Squad.
- Fire Chief Scott has received his new 1998 Ford Explorer.
- The possibility that the town employees may go on a biweekly pay schedule, as per a recommendation by the



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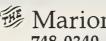
Finance Committee. The FinCom explained that the town could save up to \$3,000 by putting them on the same payroll (as completed by ADP Payroll Services) as the school systems. The board will consider the recommendation.

The board met with the Master Plan Study Committee at 8:00 pm and would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting March 24, 1998

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, March 24, 1998 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Loretta B. Schaefer. Also present were Selectman



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The board first met with Frank Cerkovitz, Paula Tosca, and Jeff Tosca of Cross Neck Road regarding the Point Road/Cross Neck Road sewer extension.

According to Mr. Cerkovitz, when he and Mr. and Ms. Tosca first signed on to connect to the so-called Point Road sewer extension, they were led to believe that they would be responsible for the maintenance of only 1700 feet of the sewer line. But when they recently were asked to sign an agreement with the Point Road Sewer Association, they were being asked to maintain a 5000-foot section of sewer line.

"(The Point Road Sewer Association) never told us it was going another 3000 feet," said Jeff Tosca. "We initially agreed to cover the maintenance for 1700 feet of sewer line."

"We don't feel we should be in a maintenance agreement for the whole line," Mr. Cerkovitz said. "We want a parallel line to tie into the same location ... servicing the rest of Cross Neck Road."

But the board agreed that they couldn't really get involved in what was a private matter between residents. "This is a private agreement that the town is not directly involved in," said Selectman Winters. "Our only involvement is with the tie-in at the sewer line ... and we currently have a moratorium in effect which we can't easily lift. There are reasons why we've put a moratorium on new sewer connections."

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"Clean water is the basis for traditional industries in Massachusetts like shellfishing, aquaculture, and tourism," said Coxe, speaking at the Town Hall. "This grant program allows us to get money to cities and towns so they can prevent contaminated stormwater from polluting our rivers and bays, and from harming the fish and wildlife."

Representative William Straus (D-Mattapoisett) a member of the legislature's Natural Resources Committee said "I appreciate the administration's support in helping the Town identify pollution sources. As a coastal community, much of what is unique and special about Mattapoisett is derived from its harbor and bay activities."

The Coastal Pollutant Remediation (CPR) grant program is designed to help local communities identify and clean up sources of road runoff and other stormwater pollution that can cause problems for coastal areas, such as swimming beaches and shellfish beds.

"Towns recognize how important these natural resources are to the local economy and to the historical and cultural character of the community," said Peg Brady, director of the Coastal Zone Management Program (CZM). "These grants reward a significant amount of local effort by the Town to solve water quality issues."

This grant awarded to the Board of Health for the Town of Mattapoisett has allowed the Board to hire a consultant to map the existing storm drainage system, sample discharge pipes for bacteria and nutrients, identify pollution sources and evaluate the potential for flooding in the brook that flows through the center of town and enters Mattapoisett Harbor at the Town Beach.

This is another example of the Board of Health following through on what was brought out on Town Meeting floor a year ago, when residents were concerned about future building in the area and what would happen to the brook, beach and harbor.

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adding a new sewer line," agreed Chairman Schaefer. "Private sewer lines are a new thing to (Marion) ... things are going to change. But right now we have to protect the townspeople, which is why we've placed a moratorium on sewer connections."

"We are not trying to cause a problem," said Paula Tosca. "We're trying to come to an agreement with (the Point Road Sewer Association) ... we're being forced to come to you for help, even though this is a private line."

"It's not an easy problem to solve and we can't have this dumped in our laps," said Chairman Schaefer. "I think we need to take this under advisement and research the agreements further."

Though he declined to comment during the meeting, Point Road Sewer Association agent George T. J. Walker claimed that everything said by Mr. Cerkovitz and Mr. and Ms. Tosca was "not true." He said the three residents illegally hooked up their sewer lines to the Point Road sewer extension without the permission of the Board of Selectmen or the Point Road Sewer Association.

"They don't want to be responsible for the maintenance of the (sewer) line," Mr. Walker said. "Everyone is responsible for the maintenance of the line ... it just so happens they're at the end of the line. They entered into the agreement with full knowledge. As of April 3, 1997, the full extent of the project was known to Mr. Cerkovitz and the Toscas."

Mr. Walker noted that 15 other land owners signed the same agreement and are sharing equally in the maintenance of the private sewer line. "They'd rather stay at

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the end of the pipe and suck for free," Mr. Walker said. "Right now, they are in partial compliance ... but the Sewer Association can disconnect them. They'll either live up to their commitments or be disconnected."

When asked if there would be any further negotiations, Mr. Walker said he's open to suggestions. "I'm certainly willing to sit down and talk to them ... but the Toscas and the Cerkovitzs don't deserve to be treated any differently," he said.

After approving the minutes of the March 17 meeting and signing the treasury warrant for the week, the board reviewed the following incoming correspondence:

 Notice from Susan Grosart, Co-Chair of the ORR Superintendent Search Committee, that the final selection of a new regional school superintendent will be made at the joint

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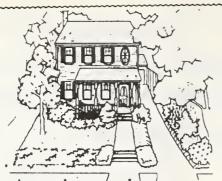
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school committee meeting on April 6. The final candidates will be interviewed on March 30 and March 31. Public interviews will be held on both days beginning at 6:00 or 6:30 pm (depending on the number of finalists) in the ORR High School Cafeteria.

• Request from the ORR School District to select a representative from the Board of Selectmen to serve as Collective Bargaining Representative for the school's custodial unit. The board unanimously voted to appoint Selectman Dickerson as their representative.

• The First Congregational Church of Marion sent a request for permission to close off traffic on Main Street from School Street to the intersection of Main and Front Streets on July 25 from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm for the church's annual fair. The board unanimously voted to approve the request, provided both the Department of Public Works and Police Chief had no objections to the blocking of traffic for the event.

John Rockwell came before the board with a copy of a "Letter to the Editor" written by his wife, Annie. The letter expressed appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for voting to form a five-member elected committee to acquire open space for the town using the guidelines set forth in the Open Space Plan.

"An elected committee will be responsible to the public, and if the members don't use the guidelines that were worked on for so long to be sure they were fair, why then we can un-elect them and elect someone else," Ms. Rockwell wrote. "In other words, this committee will be accountable to the public ... thanks, Selectmen."

Chairman Schaefer was glad to receive the kudos, but wished to note that the board did not vote to form a five-member Open Space Acquisition Committee as of yet. They were still considering the general make-up of the elected board and discussed limiting it to five members as opposed to the original suggestion of seven.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:46 pm.



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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

March 23, 1998

By Rebecca Fortin

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, March 23, 1998 at 6:30 pm by Chairman Richard D. Cutler. Also present at the meeting were Selectman William D. Chamberlain, Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere, and Executive Secretary Russell Dean. Selectman Lorraine Roy-Hawkes was not in attendance.

The first order of business on the agenda was an appointment with Fire Chief Scott Ashworth.

Chief Ashworth was present to discuss the status of Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School in terms of detail work for the Fire Department. Currently, there is an accepted detail policy for the Fire Department, however, Old Colony remains a dilemma.

The fire department personnel loses out on a substantial amount of money when working "outside detail" work at locations such as Old Colony according to Chief Scott. His goal is for the board to approve a suggestion that Old Colony be included among the town's detail work.

Chief Scott explained that he had spoken with Old Colony Superintendent-Director David Ferreira about the matter and he was in agreement with Chief Scott. "I hope the board is willing to take this under consideration," he said.



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He reminded the board that it is appropriate that all departments working details — Police, Fire, and EMS — receive equal pay for such work.

"If it's equitable, we can bill Old Colony as a town detail," Chairman Cutler said.

Next on the agenda, the Mendoza dog issue was revisited. "Buzz" Mendoza was in attendance to discuss the issue that James and Holly Vogel had brought forth to the board several times: the disturbance the ten dogs on the Mendoza property cause them.

Chairman Cutler apologized to Mr. Mendoza, saying that it was almost unnecessary for him to be present because the board had just received a letter from the Vogels that said the problem had been alleviated

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significantly.

The board asked Mr. Mendoza what he had done with the dogs to lessen their barking.

He said, to begin with, he boards all ten dogs every time he goes out of town, at a cost of \$200 per week. Adding that this year he is expected to travel thirty-five weeks out of the year, it is a huge out-of-pocket expense for him.

In addition, he is insulating the kennels, and has made them semi-soundproof. The anti-barking collars that he had planned to use on the dogs turned out to be more cruel than effective. Mr. Mendoza explained that if the collars were left on them for long periods of time, they could burn holes in the dog's necks.

He went on to say that he felt as though he was taking too much of the blame for the problem, citing that several animals the Vogels have on their property — including two horses, a dog, two cats a pig and a rooster — aggravate his animals.

Dog Officer Tom Medeiros said that he had not received any new complaints, nor had he heard the dogs himself.

Chairman Cutler explained to Mr. Mendoza that he would consider the issue resolved unless there were new rounds of complaints.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

- A letter of resignation from John Amaral, who will be leaving his position on the Board of Appeals.
- Superintendent Joan Walsh sent a request that there be a representative from the board for the upcoming Collective Bargaining for the custodial unit.
- MediaOne sent notice that rates are increasing, although specifics were not included.



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Meetings scheduled for the week include:

• Old Rochester Regional Superintendent Search Committee meeting on April 6, 1998.

• Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting at Rochester Memorial School on April 28, 1998.

• Retirement Dinner for Mattapoisett Selectmen Chairman John DeCosta is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29 at 6:30 pm at Whites of Westport. Tickets are \$26 per person.

The board was slated to meet with the Finance Committee to discuss the budget for fiscal year 1999 and would thereafter adjourn for the evening.



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Acushnet Selectmen's Meeting

March 23, 1998 By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Acushnet Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, March 23 at 6:05 pm at the Acushnet Community Center on Middle Road by Chairman Robert J. St. Jean. Also present were Selectman Peter W. Koczera, Selectman Everett L. Hardy Ir., and Executive Secretary Elaine Miranda.

The board first reviewed an item held from last week's meeting from the Planning Board regarding an article which was proposed for the Town Meeting warrant to regulate communication towers. According to Selectman Hardy, the By-Law Review Committee has suggested further study of the article and it has been removed from the warrant. Ms. Miranda noted that to date there were 35 articles on the forthcoming Town Meeting warrant.

The board also received a grievance from the Department of Public Works (DPW) regarding a heavy equipment operator who served as working foreman on a recent job and is requesting a working foreman's salary. The board agreed to forward this information to the Board of Public Works (BPW) and schedule a hearing.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received letters from Robert Brown and Ralph Brown, both of whom expressed interest in serving as the town's Assistant Building Inspector. The board

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unanimously voted to forward these letters to Building Inspector Leo Lyonnaise and also noted that the current Assistant Building Inspector's term doesn't expire until May 1. However, they agreed to consider applications from those interested. The deadline for sending a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen's office is Wednesday, April 15 at 3:00 pm.

The Acushnet Youth Athletic Association (AYAA) next sent an invitation for the board to attend their Opening Day Ceremonies to be held on Sunday, April 26 with a parade stepping off from the Parting Ways Building at 11:45 am. Selectman Hardy moved that Selectman Koczera attend as the "next senior Selectman" to represent the board, since Chairman St. Jean will no longer be on the board at that time. The motion was carried unanimously.

Michael Lefrancois next submitted a copy of a letter to BPW Chairman Kenneth Souza regarding an incident which occurred on March 15. According to Mr. Lefrancois, he was holding campaign signs outside of Town Hall on that day, and the DPW meter reader drove



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by with his children in the back seat and "gave us all the finger." Mr. Lefrancois said he felt this was inappropriate behavior for a town employee and he wanted the BPW to take action and/or place this matter in his file. The board voted to place this letter on file.

The board next received a letter from Constance Preston of Mendall Road and Geraldine Frates, President of Acushnet Citizens Together Improving Our Neighborhood, Inc. (ACTION), both of whom were expressing their displeasure with the town's local cable committee and cable service in failing to cover the recent Candidates' Night held on March 19.

"The Candidates' Night of March 19 promised to be one of the liveliest that has been held in recent years," Ms. Preston wrote. "The number of candidates for the office of Selectman alone is proof that this is an important election ... To not have made the necessary arrangements to have a cameraman at *this* Candidates' Night is not acceptable!"

The board agreed that they were disappointed in the lack of coverage from the Acushnet/Fairhaven cable service. "Many people expressed their displeasure with not being able to see coverage of Candidates' Night on cable access," said Chairman St. Jean.

"It was a big disappointment to me that they didn't cover the event," said Selectman Koczera. "I think we should invite Donald Lopes in from the Acushnet/ Fairhaven cable to find out why this event wasn't covered."

The board agreed to request that Mr. Lopes and any other "contact people" from the cable company attend a future meeting to discuss this matter further.

The board received a final estimate from Clearwater Associates of Westport for design services to bring both the Town Hall and Parting Ways Building into

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compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The total cost of the design project would be \$39,240. Selectman Hardy noted that since Town Meeting voters had previously approved \$20,000 for the Town Hall renovations, he suggested placing another request for \$20,000 on the upcoming Town Meeting warrant to cover the entire project. With that, the board unanimously voted to award the design contract to Clearwater Associates pending the approval of an additional \$20,000 from Town Meeting voters.

The Capital Expenditure Committee submitted their recommendations for several long-term projects which have been requested from various town departments. Among them:

 BPW request for replacement plow/sander for \$70,000 - the committee does not feel the replacement of this truck is necessary at this time;

• Fire Chief Paul Cote's request for vehicle - the committee feels it is time to replace the Fire Chief's current 11-year-old vehicle (estimated cost of \$22,000 to \$25,000);

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- BPW request for Water Independence the committee has no recommendation at this time since the project was only brought to them within the last few weeks. Selectman Hardy suggested that the committee members attend a presentation scheduled for April 11 by the BPW on the Water Independence project.

The board received copies of a police report filed for a disturbance at Nine Island Restaurant on March 21. The board agreed to forward this information to both the restaurant's attorney and Town Counsel Everett Marder. The establishment is currently on probation for 90 days for alleged liquor law violations. "I think any issues that come up within the 90 days should be addressed as they come up," Selectman Koczera said. "I think we should schedule a hearing on this matter as soon as possible."

The board agreed to contact Town Counsel and try to schedule a hearing as soon as he is available to attend.

The board then took a moment to recognize the volunteer efforts of Gladys Varieur, who is actively involved with many youth programs in town. "We'd like to recognize a person who has always participated in community events," said Chairman St. Jean. The board presented her with a signed certificate of appreciation and a cashier's check for \$655. Those in attendance gave Ms. Varieur a round of applause.

At 6:45 pm the board unanimously voted to award the design contract for the new Senior Center to

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"We had 16 architects apply for the job, but only three showed up," said Council on Aging (COA) Director William Contois. "After giving them the specifications, only two bid on the project."

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At 7:00 pm the board opened a Public Hearing with residents and abutters to Lisa Avenue to discuss the recent recommendation from the Safety Committee that a parking ban be placed on the south side of the street. The suggestion was first made by Safety Officer Paul Melo and requested by the Safety Committee.

The board noted that there was some concern from the Fire Department in getting fire apparatus down the narrow street with vehicles parked on both sides. "Our intent here is to accommodate the majority of residents on the street and not cause a hardship to anyone," Chairman St. Jean said.

One resident objected to the move, saying that he often parks his trucks on the street in front of his home and this restriction would certainly cause problems for him. But two other residents present agreed with the recommendation, noting that the street was indeed too narrow for parking on both sides.

The board agreed to continue the hearing until such time that Safety Officer Melo could be present to further explain his reasons for making the request and to allow the Safety Committee to meet again and further gauge the sentiments of residents before making a final recommendation.

The board would later meet with the Finance Committee to review the fiscal 1999 budget and would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

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Members of the UMass Dartmouth Cheerleading Team will be teaching junior through senior, beginner, intermediate, and advanced cheerleading techniques during a Cheerleading Clinic to be held from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, April 11 at the UMD gymnasium. All participants will be required to have a "Liability Waiver/Insurance Verification" form signed by a parent or guardian.

Pre-registration fees are \$8 before April 1, \$10 after April 1, or \$12 at the door. Checks are to be made payable to: "Friends of UMass Dartmouth Cheerleaders" and mailed to Lisa Cabral, 203 Middleboro Road, East Freetown, MA 02717-1313. Registration begins at 9:30 am.

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- The first Warm-Up will be held on April 12 with no entry fee required. The FREE show will include the following events: three barrel; hair pin; Texas barrel; safety pin; speed, action and control; and thread the needle.
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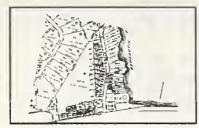
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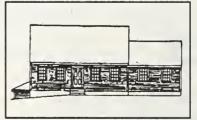
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Raindates for all events will be held on May 31 and October 11. Free parking is available. No stallions, checks, or alcoholic beverages allowed. Riders under 18 must wear a helmet. The Salty Dog Ranch Showground is located on Crystal Spring Road in Mattapoisett. For more information, please call John Ford (508-586-3246) or Ken Dawicki (758-6940).

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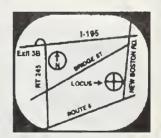
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Depending on the number of finalists, a fifteenminute break would be followed by another interview using the same format. Starting time will be 6:30 pm if one interview is scheduled and 6:00 pm if two interviews are planned. A student volunteer from ORR will tape the session for cable TV broadcast.

Marion Council on Aging

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As of April 1, the Walking Club will meet at 3:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday in front of Sippican School. This is open to all ages. *Blood Pressure Clinic*

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Women's Community Guild

The next monthly meeting of the Women's Community Guild of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will be held on Tuesday, April 7 at 1:00 pm in Reynard Hall. The speaker will be Major Douglas Jones of the Salvation Army. Guests are always welcome.

Pancake Breakfast in Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 5 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Tickets are \$3 for adults, and \$2 for children, with a family maximum of \$10.

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast

Marion Boy Scout Troop 32 will hold an all-youcan-eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 28 from 8:00 to 11:00 am at St. Gabriel's Parish Hall on Front Street in Marion. The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$3 for children. Come and enjoy orange juice, pancakes, sausage, and coffee in a pleasant atmosphere with friends and members of the community. The price is right and no tipping is permitted.

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St. Joseph School Auction

An auction to benefit St. Joseph School in Fairhaven will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 6:00 to 11:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. A \$5 pre-registration fee and paddle number will be assigned and doors will open at 5:45 pm. Item preview will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 pm and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The live auction starts at 7:00 pm with over 200 items and a silent auction will be held throughout the evening. The event will include a cash bar, and coffee and danish will be served at the closing. For more information, please call the school at 996-1983 or send your registration fee with your name, address, phone, and number of people attending (only bidders need to register) to: Cathy Melanson, c/o St. Joseph School, 100 Spring Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

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MS Walk in Marion

Join the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for MS Walks Across the State to support local services and research. The Marion MS Walk will take place on Saturday, April 18 starting at 10:00 am from the Columbia Cultural Center. The 8-kilometer walk will conclude with a great lunch, good company, and entertainment. For more information on how to participate, please call the National MS Society at 1-800-493-WALK.

MS is the most common disabling disease of young adults. It most frequently strikes between the ages of 20 and 40. The symptoms and severity vary greatly between individuals — so newly-diagnosed young adults and their loved ones must cope with a totally unpredictable future. Among other symptoms, MS can cause blindness, paralysis, and speech disorders. The MS Society raises funds for cutting-edge research and vital local services to help families cope with this difficult disease.

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Red Cross Blood Drive

A Blood Drive will be held at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church Hall for the American Red Cross on May 2 from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. The drive is sponsored by the Pythagorean Masonic Lodge of Marion.

St. Anthony's Church - Mattapoisett

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Masses will be celebrated according to the usual schedule on Saturday evening at 4:30 pm, Sunday morning at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am. The Palm Procession commemorates Christ's entry into Jerusalem. Palms will be distributed before each Mass. The second collection is for the parish, to help with seasonal expenses including our Lenten retreat.

Holy Thursday

The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 7:00 pm. Following Mass, the Holy Eucharist will be transferred to the Repository for adoration and prayer. There will be no other Mass today.



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Holy Saturday

The Solemn Easter Vigil with the blessing of the fire and Paschal Candle, readings, and Easter Eucharist with the Celebration of Reception into the Catholic Church, Confirmation, and renewal of Baptismal promises will be celebrated at 8:00 pm. There will be no



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■ Primary Colors. Starring John Travolta and Emma Thompson. Directed by Mike Nichols. Running time: 143 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall.

The most enjoyable thing about *Primary Colors*, like the bestseller that inspired it, is its smooth mixture of cynicism and idealism. For two and a half hours, we're submerged in an insiders' world of major politics — the frazzled men and women who give up their lives to get someone elected. The movie won't have the cultural impact that many hope (or fear) it will, but it should serve as a wake-up call to those who are shocked when a politician turns out to be a slick dissembler or worse. Of *course* he is — how do you

think he got there? Power corrupts, baby.

The movie, and the book by "Anonymous" (Joe Klein), parallel real-life events and persons in ways I choose not to discuss here, particularly given the current headlines. Directed by Mike Nichols from a witty script by his longtime collaborator Elaine May, *Primary Colors* is more tragic than tabloid, its concerns more timeless than timely. Its central figure is Henry Burton (Adrian Lester), a smart young campaign advisor seduced into the presidential race of Governor Jack Stanton (John Travolta). Henry, like everyone else, isn't quite prepared for Stanton's personal magnetism — he finds himself on board before he's even accepted the job.

Jack, as played by the donut-wolfing Travolta, is easy and flexible in public, explosively moody in private (there's a great comic moment involving a cell phone). Travolta turns on the charm; his performance is itself a masterpiece of politicking. Yet he's most charming at his least ingratiating, when he gives us a peek at Jack's shrewdness, competitive panic, or irrepressible libido. Travolta's contradictory Jack Stanton refutes the very American notion that great politicians must also be everything we want them to be as human beings.

Jack's team, including the sardonic Richard Jemmons (Billy



Bob Thornton) and the no-nonsense Daisy Green (Maura Tierney), lose sleep over the campaign without necessarily believing anything they say. Even Jack's loyal wife Susan (Emma Thompson) has a hard-bitten, realistic attitude towards him, an

attitude born of years of weathering his little flings. Thompson is terrific here — she almost steals the movie with one line, when someone apologizes to her for talking shop with Jack over chicken wings; Thompson's plastic response, "Of course 1 don't mind! How else will 1 learn?", is worth the price of admission by itself. When Jack is pulled into mud-slinging tactics, in self-defense

When Jack is pulled into mud-slinging tactics, in self-defense against Democratic opponents, *Primary Colors* successfully straddles the line between comedy and tragedy. Both are present in the character of Libby Holden (Kathy Bates in the great performance of the new year so far), a self-styled "dustbuster" who specializes in neutralizing scandals. Libby goes way back with Jack and Susan, back to the days when everything seemed simpler and clear-cut. Problem is, Jack and Susan have gotten older, smoother, ethically relaxed; Libby has remained a blunt and rigid person, traits that the movie admires. Libby is the film's holy fool, who digs up dirt on Jack's competitor (Larry Hagman) and delivers the info to Jack and Susan as a test: Will they use it or spike it? Bates' reaction when Libby discovers the answer is the finest work she's done in a movie.

Jack has a scene with Henry, late in the film, in which he talks about the political bull necessary to get to the top — and then, once you're president, you can be honest and get things done! It's one of the saddest-funniest scenes in recent memory, a succinct capsule review of the life of a politician — a life so tainted by illusion and delusion that even Jack doesn't seem to know any more whether he believes what he's saying or is just seducing himself into believing it. We know Jack will triumph (if for no other reason than that his real-world counterpart did), but his victory leaves us feeling both satisfied and hollow. Satisfied, because we're fond of him, flaws and all; hollow, because we're still not sure, even as the end credits roll, whether we should trust our fondness

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Sat/Sun: 12:15, 2:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:15; Mon-Wed: 7:00, 9:00

As Good As It Gets (PG-13) - Fri: 3:00, 6:45, 9:30;

Sat/Sun: 12:15, 3:00, 6:45, 9:30; Mon-Wed: 6:30, 9:15

Hush (PG-13) - Fri-Sun: 2:15, 4:45, 7:00; Mon-Wed: 7:00

The Wedding Singer (PG-13) - Fri: 9:00; Sat/Sun: 12:00, 9:00; Mon-Wed: 9:00 Rtde* (R) - Fri: 2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30;

Sat/Sun: 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30; Mon-Wed: 7:15, 9:15

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Grease (PG) - 1:10, 4:00, 7:20, 9:40

Primary Colors (R) - 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:20

Wild Things (R) - 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40

The Man in the Iron Mask (PG-13) - 12:40, 3:30, 6:40, 9:20

Wings of the Dove (R) - 1:20, 4:00, 6:50, 9:00

Twilight (R) - 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:10, 9:10

U.S. Marshals (PG-13) - 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30

The Borrowers (PG) - 12:40, 2:40, 4:40, 6:50, 9:00

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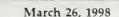
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Thursday, April 2 — Turkey divan (cheese sauce), oven roasted potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat roll, chilled fruit. Friday, April 3 - Seafood salad, cole slaw, potato salad, pita bread, brownie.

■ CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 30 - Toasted cheese, or tuna pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, March 31 — Chicken parmesan on a roll, ham and cheese pocket, potato puffs, soup, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, April 1 -Spaghetti with meat sauce, French bread, or Steak'Um, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday, April 2 - Pizza, or ham and cheese pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Friday, April 3 - HALF DAY (no lunch served). Snacks will be available.

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Tuesday, March 31 — Taco boat with all the fixings, hot ham and cheese, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken salad sub, Spanish rice, chili, tossed salad, chilled pineapple, baked custard

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■ FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 30 - Chicken ala King, baked pork chop with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, steamed rice, carrots, chilled pineapple, cherry crisp with topping.

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Tuesday, March 31 — Chicken parmesan on a roll, ham and cheese pocket, potato puffs, soup, fruit, milk.

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Wednesday, April 1 — Taco or fajita, lettuce and tomatoes, tortilla chips, salsa, com, cookie.

Thursday, April 2 - Juice, chow mein sandwich, rice, stir fry vegetables, dessert.

Friday, April 3 — Minestrone soup, pizza, French fries, antipasto, frosted cake.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 30 — Toasted cheese, or tuna pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, March 31 — Chicken parmesan on a roll, ham and cheese pocket, potato puffs, soup,

fruit, milk.

Wednesday, April 1 — Spaghetti with meat sauce. French bread, or Steak'Um, soup, salad, fruit, milk. Thursday, April 2 — Pizza, or ham and cheese pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

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ORR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, March 30 - Soup, pastrami with cheese, or chicken intters, fnes, pickle, carrot stick, pudding, juice or milk.

Tuesday, March 31 -Spaghetti with meat sauce, or Steak'Um, green beans, garlic bread, fruit, juice or milk.

Wednesday, April 1 - Soup. ravioli with meat sauce, or chicken fillet, mashed potato. peas, roll, applesauce, fruit. juice or milk.

Thursday, April 2 — Turkey with gravy, or chicken fillet, mashed potato, peas, roll, applesauce, fruit, juice or milk. Friday, April 3 - HALF DAY (no lunch served). Muffins, bagels, fruit, juice or milk.

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, March 30 — Toasted cheese, or tuna pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, March 31 — Chicken parmesan on a roll, ham and cheese pocket, potato puffs, soup, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, April 1 -Spaghetti with meat sauce, French bread, or Steak'Um, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday, April 2 - Pizza, or ham and cheese pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk,

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Monday, March 30 — Cheese pizza, Sloppy Joe on a bun, baked pork chop with gravy, whipped potatoes, carrots, chilled applesauce, grape jello with topping.

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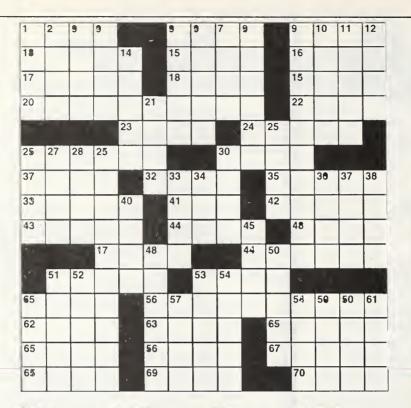
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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Teamwork is required to answer the questions. The challenge you face is intellectual, not physical.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Heed the words of caution you hear. Your boss knows what she's talking about. Your friends bring you luck and abundance.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). A friend from far away provides inspiration. A confrontation leads to a fabulous career opportunity.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). There are ways to get the money you need, but paperwork is required. Pick up the forms.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't get into a debate with an intellectual type. Just do what you're told. The other person is right.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The latest technology is required to finish a task. Be patient and let a woman teach you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll fall hard for an intellectual. Make a major commitment and your life will never be the same.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you can stay home, you'll get more work done from there. An argument with your true love about money disrupts your train of thought.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your ability to assimilate information is awesome. You're laying the foundation for future success, so take your time and do it right.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Take money you acquire to reserve a space on your dream ship. You may not know how you're going to do it yet, but anything is possible.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your strength and intelligence are awesome. Whatever you don't know, you can figure out. Use it to find a group activity.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Get all your facts together so you're ready to make your presentation. A confrontation with an older person makes you nervous, but don't worry. Everything works out fine.

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Watercolor Exhibit

An exhibition of Watercolor paintings is currently on exhibit at the Marion Art Center. The exhibit features works by Virginia Barry, Judy Carver, Ann Mello, and Mary Ann Patrick.

Virginia Barry lives in Marion and has been painting for six years. She has taken courses at UMass Dartmouth, the University of Maine, and Portsmouth Abbey, RI. She has studied with Marily Swift at the Rockport Art Association, Tim Clark at the Worcester Art Museum, and with Mel Stabin in Italy. Her work has been previously shown at Horizons in Williamsburg, MA, the Portsmouth Abbey, and the Marion Art Center.

Judy Carver also resides in Marion. She received a B.A. degree from Dickenson College with special emphasis on Art History. She has taken watercolor courses at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the DeCordova Museum, and studied with David Baggarly, John Murphy, and Betty Dunlop at the Marion Art Center. She also studied with William Roberts at Wells College in Aurora, NY.

Ann Mello lives in Paxton, MA and has a summer house in Mattapoisett. She received a B.A. degree from Clark University and also attended Lasell Junior College and Morse Business College. She is an active volunteer in the Worcester area and studies painting with various teachers in the area. She also took courses at the Marion Art Center where she met Judy Carver and Virginia Barry. She had her first professional art exhibit at the First Show Gallery at CC Lowell in Worcester in 1996.

Mary Ann Patrick has a studio in Wareham, MA. After graduating from Skidmore College, she used her art training designing lace for this country's leading lace manufacturer. She also became active in the Arts Students League, studying with John Pike and her mentor, Edgar

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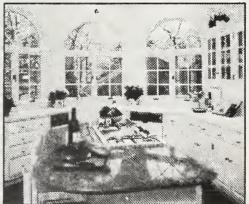
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#688 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of David H. Fletcher who is seeking a variance from frontage requirements under section VIII.B of Protective By-Laws. Property is identified as 42 Old Tuck Bog Road, Assessors Plan 14, Lot 16. Public hearing will be conducted on Thursday, April 9, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Charles Wolf. Chairman 3/19, 3/26

TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#689 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Heather M. Dupuis, 97 Featherbed Lane, who is seeking a special permit under section VIII.D.9.a of Protective By-Laws to allow conversion of a single family dwelling to a two family dwelling. Public hearing will be conducted on Thursday, April 9, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way. Charles Wolf, Chairman 3/19, 3/26

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold
a public hearing on Tuesday, April 14, 1998 at
8:15pm at Old Hammondtown School
Cafeteria concerning the application of Brandt
Island Realty Trust for a proposed
subdivision of land located off Brandt Island
Road aan shown as Lot 2 on Mattapoisett
Assessors' Plat 14, and as Lot 9 on
Mattapoisett Assessors Plat 9. Complete plans
for the subdivision are on file in the office of
the Town Clerk and may be inspected by any
interested party during the normal business
hours of the Clerk's office.
Barry Perkins, Clerk03/26, 04/02

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday April 14, 1998 at 7:55pm in the Cafeteria at Old Hammondtown School on proposed Zoning By-Law as Follows: WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES MORATORIUM To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-laws of the Town of Mattapoisett by adopting the following "Wireless Communications Facilities Moratorium" bylaw to be effective for a period of twelve (12) months from the effective date of the by-law, or take any action thereto: PURPOSE: By enacting a temporary, twelve (12) month moratorium, the Town believes it will have sufficient time to develop reasonable regulations regarding the placement, construction and modification of commercial wireless service facilities. MORATORIUM: No commercial wireless

communications facility or personal wireless service facility as defined by 47 U.S.C. Section 332 (c) (7), including, but not limited to, towers and antennas, shall be placed, constructed or modified in the Town of Mattapoisett nor shall a permit be issued for such placement, construction or modification from the effective date of this by-law for a period of twelve (12) months. This by-law shall not apply to the placement, construction or modification of said wireless communications facility, if the antennae of which are proposed to be located upon an existing structure. In addition, this by-law shall not apply to the placement, construction or modification of facilities by a federal

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1 16-ounce package spaghetti noodles

I tsp. Italian seasoning

1 tsp. oregano 1 tsp. garlic salt

freshly grated Parmesan cheese 1 cup fresh mushroom slices

Dice the onion. Chop the red and green pepper into half-inch chunks. In a large skillet or Dutch oven, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the diced onion, garlic salt and ground turkey and stir until the onions are softened and the turkey is thoroughly cooked. Drain any oil or fat from the skillet. Pour in the tomato paste and sauce and allow to simmer. Add the peppers, Italian seasoning and oregano and mushrooms. Allow to cook for 30-45 minutes, stirring often. Reduce the heat if the sauce starts to boil vigorously. The sauce should thicken so that it does not run off the pasta and absorb the flavor of the spices before serving. Also, the vegetables should be soft, not crunchy. Meanwhile, prepare the spaghetti noodles according to the package directions. Drain and, using a ladle, spoon the sauce over the cooked pasta while it is still warm. Sprinkle with the freshly grated Parmesan cheese. Garnish with pasta and cherry tomatoes, if desired, and serve immediately.

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The Watercolor Exhibition and Sale will be on display at the Marion Art Center through April 22. The galleries are open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The center is located at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets in Marion. Admission is FREE. For more information, please call 748-1266.

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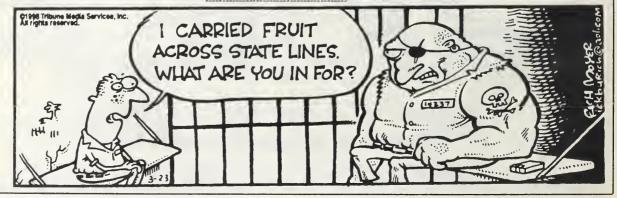
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Sippican Pomona Grange

The 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Sippican Pomona Grange #31 will be held on Saturday, April 4 at the Highlander Restaurant, 789 Main Street, in Acushnet. Grange members from across the state are expected to join with the local membership in observance of the 75th anniversary celebration.

Sippican Pomona Grange is the regional grange with its membership comprised of the following subordinate (local) granges: Acushnet Grange, Fairhaven Grange, Rochester Grange, and South Middleboro Grange. Pomona meetings are held monthly in the various grange halls, with pomona officers representing the four subordinate granges.

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ALLIGATORS IN



Acushnet in February, 1923 by Deputy Reid Dana Macafee, Past Master of Marion Grange. The first Master (President) of Sippican Pomona Grange was J. Newton Barrows, the first Lecturer of Sippican Pomona Grange

was Louise Westgate.

The 75th Anniversary celebration will begin at 11:30 am with a reception, followed by a dinner at 12:30 pm. Following the dinner, the Worthy National Grange Master, Kermit Richardson, will present a message to the membership from the National Grange. National Master Richardson was reelected as the Master of the National Grange when the 131st annual convention of the National Grange was held in Springfield, MA in November, 1997. National Master Richardson and his wife, Margaret, reside in Vermont.

The Master of the Massachusetts State Grange, Kathleen Peterson, will present a message from the Massachusetts State Grange. Master Peterson was elected as the Master of the Massachusetts State Grange in October, 1997, making her the first woman to hold the highest elected office in the Massachusetts State Grange. Master Peterson and her husband, Robert, reside in Jefferson, MA.

Herbert LaFleur, Past Master of Sippican Pomona Grange, will serve as emcee for the afternoon program. Historical highlights of the grange's accomplishments over the past 75 years will be presented by Audra Cast, Past Master of Sippican Pomona Grange. Recognition of Past Masters (Presidents) and presentation of gifts will be presented by Paul Ouellette, Master of Sippican Pomona Grange. Recognition of Past Lecturers and presentation of gifts will be presented by June Millett, Musician of Sippican Pomona Grange and Shirley Westgate, Lady Assistant Steward of Sippican Pomona Grange, and daughters of the late Louise Westgate, the first Lecturer of Sippican Pomona Grange.

A musical program will be presented by "The World's Smallest Big Jazz Band," comprised of band members Al Oliveira and Ragtime Jim Radcliffe.

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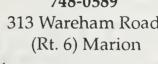


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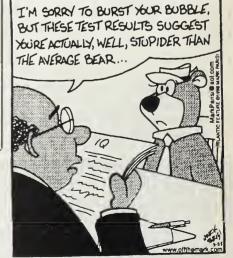
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Both teams did well at the Regional Tournament, and the Pageant Wagon team placed second in their division. They will be going on to represent Old Hammontown at the State Finals in Worcester. Winning teams at the State Finals will go to the World Finals at Disney World on May 30, and compete against teams from almost every state in the union, and thirty countries from around the world.

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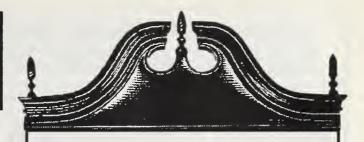
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March 26:	Thur.	6:12	6:36		12:00	
March 27:	Fri.	7:02	7:25	12:28	12:49	
March 28:	Sat.	7:51	8:14	1:20	1:36	
March 29:	Sun.	8:40	9:03	2:10	2:23	
March 30:	Mon.	9:30	9:54	3:00	3:10	
March 31:	Tues.	10:22	10:47	3:50	3:58	
April 1:	Wed.	11:16	11:43	4:43	4:49	
April 2:	Thur.		12:14	5:41	5:46	
April 3:	Fri.	12:43	1:16	6:49	6:55	
April 4:	Sat.	1:45	2:18	8:15	8:29	
April 5:	Sun.	3:48	4:19	10:38	10:57	
April 6:	Mon.	4:46	5:14	11:37	11:57	
April 7:	Tues.	5:39	6:03		12:20	
April 8:	Wed.	6:27	6:48	12:41	12:51	
April 9:	Thur.	7:09	7:28	1:14	1:16	
April 10:	Fri.	7:50	8:07	1:42	1:40	
April 11:	Sat.	8:29	8:46	2:08	2:06	
April 12:	Sun.	9:08	9:24	2:36	2:35	
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- Holly Avenue domestic disturbance
- Pine Street suspicious activity
- South Main Street humane call/injured animal
- South Main Street summons issued (operating motor vehicle with suspended license)
- Mattapoisett Road domestic disturbance
- Nye Avenue adult arrest (disturbing the peace, evading taxi fare)
- Nye Avenue domestic disturbance
- Fairway Drive humane call/injured animal
- Middle Road summons issued (assault and battery with dangerous weapon, to wit: motor vehicle)
- Carol Street domestic disturbance
- Perry Hill Road domestic disturbance
- Main Street domestic disturbance
- Gabriel Farms larceny/ breaking and entering into
- motor vehicle

 Morse's Lane larceny/
 breaking and entering into
 motor vehicle
- Whelden Lane annoying/ obscene phone calls
- Main Street disturbance/ noise complaint
- Boylston Street disturbance/noise complaint
- Nye Avenue domestic disturbance/adult arrests: 2 (assault and battery on household member)
- · Martelle Street adult ar-

rests: 2 (cocaine trafficking, possession of Class D substance, conspiracy to violate drug law)

- Main Street domestic disturbance/adult arrest (assault and battery on police officer, disturbing the peace, disorderly conduct)
- Main Street summons issued (negligent operation of motor vehicle, passing violation, speeding)
- North Main Street motor vehicle accident
- Darling Street domestic disturbance
- Main Street juvenile arrest (destruction of property over \$250, trespassing, assault and battery)
- South Main Street disturbance/noise complaint.

MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of March 15 through March 21, 1998:

- Wareham Road suspicious person
- Wilson Road animal complaint
- Washbum Park Road suspicious motor vehicle
- Holly Road motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
- Wareham Road animal complaint
- Hill Street motor vehicle complaint
- Mill Street motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Mill Street suspicious motor vehicle
- Island Wharf Road larceny/ past
- Wareham Road suspicious person
- Riverview Lane suspicious activity
- Spring Street suspicious motor vehicle
- Pine Hill Lane suspicious activity
- Blueberry Way adult arrest (incapacitated person, disturb-

ing the peace, protective custody)

- Mill Street suspicious person
- Point Road family disturbance
- Green Street animal complaint
- County Road motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Brookhaven Lane noise complaint
- Mill Street suspicious motor vehicle
- Abel's Way animal complaint.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of March 15 through March 21, 1998:

- Reservation Road recovered property/found bicycle
- North Street vandalism/destruction to mailbox
- County Road vandalism to motor vehicle
- County Road icy roads reported
- Brant Beach suspicious motor vehicle
- Long Plain Road vandalism to bogs
- North Street motor vehicle accident/past hit and run
- Water Street larceny/past theft from building
- Marion Road speed limit sign at high school not working
- County Road motor vehicle violation/criminal application
- Antassawamock Road –
 loose dog reported
- Railroad Avenue motor vehicle accident in parking lot
- Crystal Spring Road vandalism/property damage
- Baptist Street stray dog reported
- Holly Woods Road attempted breaking and entering/past
- Marion Road simple threats

- North Street vandalism/ property damage
- Fairhaven Road suspicious activity
- Fairhaven Road vandalism/property damage
- Marion Road simple threats
- Hillside Avenue domestic disturbance.

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- Ryder Road animal control matter
- Snipatuit Road disabled motor vehicle
- Hartley Road possible disabled motor vehicle
- Rounseville Road suspicious activity
- Mattapoisett Road animal control matter
- Cushman Road sign down
- New Bedford Road animal control matter
- Look's Mill Way animal control matter
- High Street breaking and entering
- Burgess Avenue road hazard
- Adrian's Package Store suspicious activity
- New Bedford Road adult arrest (warrant)
- Rounseville Road adult arrest (operating under the influence)
- New Bedford Road motor vehicle accident
- North Avenue pot holes/ road hazard
- Route 28 adult arrest (warrant)
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